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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

February 10, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith resolutions regarding the anniversaries of six of Chicago's Sister Cities.

Your favorable consideration of these resolutions will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor



R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International is a nonpartisan national membership organization for cities around the world that unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers to promote world peace through programs and projects focusing on arts and culture, youth and education, economic and sustainable development, and humanitarian assistance; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Sister Cities International seeks to promote global peace and prosperity by providing private citizens from communities around the world, and the leaders of the cities in which they live, with an opportunity to meet face-to-face to celebrate their respective cultures, to appreciate their differences, and to develop mutual understanding, friendships, and long term partnerships to reduce international conflict and secure global prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Since 1960, when the City of Chicago signed its first Sister Cities agreement, Chicago Sister Cities International has established official relationships with 28 Sister Cities in almost every region of the world. Today, Chicago Sister Cities International is the most active Sister Cities Organization in the world; and

WHEREAS, The people-to-people and community relationships formed through the Sister Cities network have produced mutually beneficial city-to-city ties resulting in increased international trade, economic development, tourism, cultural exchanges, and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of Chicago's Sister City relationship with Mexico City in Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is proud of the Sister City partnership it has formed with Mexico City, and its long history of friendship and cooperation with the people of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Metropolitan Area is home to one of the largest and most active Mexican populations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its history Chicago has benefited from the many vital contributions the Mexican community has made to the cultural, civic, and economic life of our City. The rich and vibrant cultural heritage of Mexico continues to enliven Chicago's diverse neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The National Museum of Mexican Art is located in Chicago, home to one of the largest collections of Mexican art in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Chicagoans have always been cognizant of the similarities between Chicago and Mexico City, two cities which are known as economic engines in their respective countries. Chicago and Mexico City are signatories to the Global Cities Economic Partnership Memorandum of Understanding to foster trade, investment, innovation, and learning between the two cities; and

WHEREAS, Chicago looks forward to its own continued participation in Sister Cities International, and to renewing and strengthening Chicago's relationship with Mexico City and its people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this tenth day of February, 2016, do hereby commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Chicago's Sister City relationship with Mexico City, Mexico; acknowledge the many benefits that this productive relationship has realized for the people of Chicago; express our desire to continue this relationship; and extend to Mexico City, and to its people, our best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to The Honorable Carlos Martín Jiménez Macías, Consul General, Consulate General of the United Mexican States, and The Honorable Mayor of Mexico City Miguel Ángel Mancera Espinosa.